



News from the Gleaners

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Congo

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Food. Essential to health. And in a hospital setting, essential to healing. It can make the difference between life and death.

Thankful for dedicated prayer and financial support, and Ontario Christian Gleaners' commitment to supporting ministries in regions around the world, Pioneer Christian Hospital, a missionary hospital serving some of the most poor and powerless in rural Republic of Congo, Africa, now has food to feed patients. Saying thank you for your support could not ever be enough. I'm compelled to share Emily's story, in order to share the impact of this feeding program and the role of Ontario Christian Gleaners.

Emily suffers from epilepsy. During a seizure she fell into her cooking fire and sustained significant burns to her body. Family rushed her to Pioneer Christian Hospital, a few hours from their village, where surgeons did their best to save as much of her extremities as possible. Try as they did, the damaged sustained to her body resulted in losing most of her right arm and parts of her left. The family, now hours away from their village, employment, and home, were stressed at the thought of a long term stay at the hospital. The hospital staff and missionaries did all they could to assist the family, but Emily's prognosis was not good. She wasn't healing and was becoming more frail by the day. An infection would have been lethal. Then it was discovered that the money given to the family to provide food for Emily, which is only available in the most dire of circumstances, was being consumed in the form of alcohol by her daughter, her supposed care provider. Emily, now a burden to her family, was not being fed. And she was going to die.

Emily is one of many patients in dire situations at Pioneer Christian Hospital. The 60-bed facility serves some of the most vulnerable – refugees, indigenous people, and those suffering from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and leprosy. The hospital, like many in the developing world, is strapped for resources and could not provide for the nutritional needs of patients. That was left to the patient's care provider. For many though, like Emily, that system wasn't conducive to healing. And without nourishment, healing is impossible. *Continued* ➔



Important Dates:

Open House Tours:

@ 10:30am on
June 14th & 19th

August 15th & 24th

*(Join us for a 45 minute
guided tour)*

**Please note: no tours in July*

10th Anniversary Celebrations!

September 10-14, 2018
See inside for more details

Closures:

Civic Holiday Monday
August 6th

Labour Day Monday
September 3rd

Summer

Maintenance:

The Gleaners will be closed
Friday June 29th – Friday July
6th for summer maintenance
and will reopen on Monday
July 9th @ 8:30am

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Candice Scatliff, a Reach Beyond Canada missionary and nutritionist, was compelled to pursue a solution. After visiting the hospital in 2016, God burdened her with the seemingly impossible task of creating a feeding program that would meet the nutritional needs of all inpatients. A funding campaign was launched and the Lord provided! Thankfully, rice and beans were in abundant supply locally, but produce, which contains micronutrients so essential to healing and boosting the immune system, was scarce. An adequate and sustainable source of produce was needed in order to get a feeding program off the ground. And this is where Ontario Christian Gleaners stepped in. The dehydrated produce packs were exactly what the hospital's feeding program needed: an easy to store, prepare, and plate source of micronutrients in sustainable and adequate supply for all inpatients.

Candice returned to the Congo in 2017 to implement the feeding program, she notes that "an important aspect of the Gleaners' product is how quick and easy it is to prepare. The hospital's staff prepares the food over open fires, so the less time and firewood required, the better!" Operating on a strict budget and with limited space and skill, the hospital now meets the daily nutritional needs of all patients – a feat that was once seemingly impossible, now fulfilled by God!



The feeding program started two weeks into Emily's hospital stay. Thanks to these hot nourishing meals she made a complete turnaround in her recovery. A victory step was when she was able to feed herself independently (pictured). More importantly, staying at a mission hospital Emily learned about Jesus. She now attends the hospital's chapel and can be seen praying to our powerful God. Emily's victory story is one of many at Pioneer Christian Hospital. Thank you for being part of the body of Christ that supplied what she needed in order to hear about her Saviour and Redeemer. To God be the glory!



- Candice Scatliff
Reach Beyond Canada Missionary

For more information:
www.missiongo.org/donate/projects-detail/food-healing-1

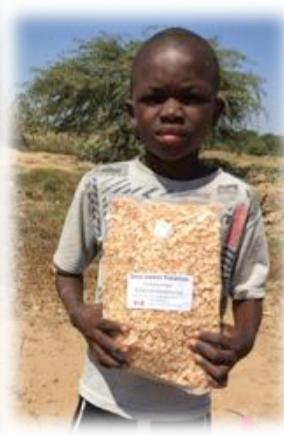
Fundraising Dinner

Ukraine, Philippines, Congo,
Sierra Leone...

An evening of powerful & informative presentations by guest speakers and videos highlighted the use and importance of Gleaners' food products in ministries around the world and most importantly the blessings of God on this work. Over \$45,000 was raised to support the general operating fund of the Gleaners. We are truly grateful. Thanks be to God!

Gleaners Stats 2018...

- Sent out
 - 2.6 million servings of dried vegetable mix (35,895kg)
 - 1560kg of dried fruit
 - 11,892kg of other dried products
- Sent to
 - 13 different countries
- Sent by
 - 20 different mission groups/ organizations





Preparing food for 4800 people in Malawi & the children eating every last bit! (MSC Canada)



Celebrating 10 Years of Blessings!

September 10-14, 2018

Tours @ 11am

Try the Gleaners food! Lunch served each day at 11:50am

Missions presentations from around the world.

Mini-Marketplace – your opportunity to purchase products made by artisans in developing countries.

*Feeding a village in Sierra Leone
([MissionGo](#))*



Using surplus produce to feed a hungry world.

Imagine that 60 million meals left Canada last year, prepared and donated by 7 Christian organizations with the intent to reduce hunger around the world. Healthy fruits and vegetables, DRIED and in large quantities, have made their way into refugee camps, disaster relief, war zones and into the tummies of thousands of schools children.

Dried With Love Symposium May 2018

Over the past 2 years, 7 different food-drying operations across the vast country of Canada have been meeting by video every second month. We share best practices, trouble-shoot together, compile procurement and distribution information, and pray together.

Mid-May, through the support of Stronger Together, a group of Christian Philanthropists, these 7 organizations all had an opportunity to send 3 delegates to a 4-day Symposium in BC. Our mission is to work together to reduce world hunger. The face-to-face dialogue between the 20 delegates provided a forum to begin to dream towards the future.

One highlight: A local BC family hosted our group for a campfire one evening at their chalet by the lake. In this beautiful setting, we gathered in a circle to share faith stories~ times where God clearly stepped in and met the need in our organization at the time. An essential piece of equipment repaired at no charge, produce arriving in a timely fashion, an encourager coming alongside a discouraged leader, a packing plant eager to jump on board with a newly launching food-drying group during the non-growing season. It is truly an adventure to be involved in the Lord's work and privilege to work shoulder to shoulder in providing food for the hungry!

Before capping off our week together, as a group, we did the hard work of coming to terms with some Core Values, an Identity statement, and a Mission statement. We look forward to linking arms together on some future projects, encouraging other grassroots groups to launch in other parts of the country (and beyond!), and providing support to each other as we grow together.

We have so many resources available to us on this part of the globe. In the years ahead, it is our desire to jointly labour to magnify our part in reducing hunger around the world.

"Unless the Lord builds a house, they labour in vain." Psalm 127



Making use of our time on the bus. Reapers of Hope delegate pointing the group to the scriptures

Tour bus, donated for the week, transported our group